

# The Principles of

## Mass War

Mass the effects of war, concentrating combat power at the decisive place and time.

## **Offensive**

Seize, retain, and exploit the initiative.

## **Surprise**

Strike the enemy at a time or place or in a manner for which he is unprepared.

## **Simplicity**

Prepare clear, uncomplicated plans and concise orders to ensure thorough understanding.

## **Maneuver**

Place the enemy in a position of disadvantage through the flexible application of combat power.

## **Objective**

Direct every military operation toward a clearly defined, decisive, and attainable objective.

## **Unity of Command**

For every objective, seek unity of command and unity of effort.

## **Security**

Never permit the enemy to acquire unexpected advantage.

## **Economy of Force**

Employ all combat power available in the most effective way possible, allocate minimum essential